

**South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
Ryan White Part B Base Funding
FY 2014 Grant Year**

REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS (RFGA)

CFDA Number: 93.917

Posting Date: November 15, 2013

ATTENTION! IMPORTANT DETAIL!

Your application <u>must</u> be submitted in a <u>sealed</u> package. <i>(Original + 3 copies marked as "Copy")</i> RFGA Number and Deadline/Closing Date (see below) must appear on package exterior.
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Deadline/Closing Date for Applications:	January 16, 2014 - By 2:30 PM EST
RFGA Number: FY2014-RFGA- HV-006	

Submit your sealed package to either of the following addresses:	
MAILING ADDRESS: SC DHEC – Public Health Contracts Bureau of Business Management 2600 Bull Street Columbia, SC 29201	PHYSICAL ADDRESS: SC DHEC – Public Health Contracts Bureau of Business Management Columbia Mills Building – 4th Floor 301 Gervais Street Columbia, SC 29201 See additional Physical Address Information below

Number of Copies to be submitted: One (1) original and three (3) copies marked as “Copy”

DHEC offers this Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) for the funds administered by DHEC for the State of South Carolina from the Federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act, Part B program. Acceptable applications that will be considered as part of this grant program are those that support the activities, goals, and objectives as required the Federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act, Part B Program and DHEC Public Health, STD/HIV Division, Ryan White Part B Program. The use of these funds is subject to all federal and state requirements as outlined in the scope of work. Funds may not be used for any other purpose. DHEC reserves the right to determine whether or not a proposal falls within the scope of activities and is eligible under the stated guidelines. Applications are only accepted during the Request for Applications period and will be evaluated by independent evaluators based on the award criteria stated in the solicitation.

It is the intent of the State of South Carolina, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to accept grant applications to provide comprehensive HIV care services to people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in seven specific service areas of the state: 1) Cherokee, Spartanburg, and Union counties; 2) Chester, Lancaster, and York counties; 3) Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, and Marlboro counties; 4) Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Richland, and Sumter counties; 5) Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, and Saluda counties; 6) Georgetown, Horry, and Williamsburg counties; 7) Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper counties. One Project Sponsor will be funded for each service area. Each subrecipient shall use Federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act, Part B funds, administered by DHEC, to provide services to eligible persons in the same or substantially same manner as detailed in DHEC’s grant proposal to the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) or if different in the award, in the same or substantially similar manner as set forth therein rather than in the proposal.

The anticipated amount of award in each of the Metropolitan Service Areas (MSAs), based on current grant year funding, is as follows:

Service Area 1: \$500,000*

Service Area 2: \$400,000*

Service Area 3: \$900,000*

Service Area 4: \$3,000,000*

Service Area 5: \$400,000*

Service Area 6: \$700,000*

Service Area 7: \$400,000*

*ESTIMATE ONLY: FUNDING FOR THE SUBRECIPIENTS IS DEPENDENT UPON RECEIPT BY DHEC OF FEDERAL FUNDS.

Eligibility: Organizations with a minimum of three years of established history of providing HIV medical care, medical case management and/or supportive services to eligible persons with HIV/AIDS as outlined in the attached Scope of Services. The grantee must be located in the service area and provide services to all counties in the service area.

How to Apply: See the Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) Section III for additional details regarding information to be included with your submission. A cover letter should be included and signed by an authorized agent or other official agency personnel. Eligible applicants must submit the required documents to either the Mailing Address or Physical Address listed above.

Deadline: The deadline for all applications is January 16, 2014 by 2:30 P.M. EST

Questions & Answers: Questions will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. EST, November 25, 2013. All questions must be submitted in writing to Leigh Oden at ODENL@dhec.sc.gov. Responses will be posted by November 27, 2013 by 5:00 PM EST.

Available funding Date: Contingent upon available funds, anticipated to be awarded by HRSA no later than April 15, 2013.

Final selection of all successful applicants will be made and notifications released on or before February 21, 2014. Final Grant Agreements will be executed to be effective when signed by the grantee and DHEC. April 1, 2014 is the anticipated start work date.

A draft copy of the Grant Agreement is attached to the RFGA.

Budget Form for HIV AIDS Proposals: Every application under the DHEC Reimbursement Program must be accompanied by a budget template and a statement that the project can be carried out for the budget requested. A budget template is attached in Attachment 5. Applications received without a budget proposal will be rejected and not reviewed by the review panel.

For more information about this Request for Grant Application process, please visit our website at www.dhec.sc.gov.

Additional Physical Address Information:

Visitors arriving at 301 Gervais Street will notice construction in the front of the State Museum. Proceed to the left side of the building, following the signs to “Visitor Parking Garage.” Park in the upper deck of the two-level parking garage.

Adjacent to the parking garage is a glass door with a SC DHEC logo. This entrance is locked at all times, so vendors must call DHEC’s procurement receptionist at (803) 898-3501 in order to enter the building. An employee will open the door and escort the visitor to the 4th floor receptionist for their applications to be date/time stamped.

To obtain building access and have offers date/time stamped will take several minutes. The deadline for applications is identified on this Cover Page. Please plan accordingly; deadline times will not be adjusted.